

**National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594**

Brief of Accident

Adopted 05/13/2003

NYC02LA199		09/29/2002		Pawtucket, RI		Aircraft Reg No. N9347B		Time (Local): 16:00 EDT					
Make/Model: Cessna / 208B						Fatal		Serious		Minor/None			
Engine Make/Model: Pratt & Whitney / PT-6A-114A						Crew		0		0		1	
Aircraft Damage: None						Pass		0		0		0	
Number of Engines: 1						Other		0		1		0	
Operating Certificate(s): None													
Type of Flight Operation: Other Work Use													
Reg. Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation													
Last Depart. Point: Same as Accident/Incident Location						Condition of Light:		Day					
Destination: Local Flight						Weather Info Src:		Weather Observation Facility					
Airport Proximity: On Airport						Basic Weather:		Visual Conditions					
Airport Name: NORTH CENTRAL STATE						Lowest Ceiling:		None					
Runway Identification: Unk/Nr						Visibility:		10.00 SM					
Runway Length/Width (Ft): Unk/Nr						Wind Dir/Speed:		Calm					
Runway Surface: Unknown						Temperature (°C):		18					
Runway Surface Condition: Unknown						Obstr to Vision:		None					
						Precipitation:		None					
Pilot-in-Command		Age: 44				Flight Time (Hours)							
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)						Total All Aircraft:		4900					
Airline Transport; Flight Instructor; Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land						Last 90 Days:		200					
Instrument Ratings						Total Make/Model:		700					
Airplane						Total Instrument Time:		600					

After a parachute drop flight, the airplane taxied back to the ramp area. The airplane was parked on the ramp, with the engine running, while the next group of parachutists were boarding the airplane. During that time, a parachutist who had just landed, contacted the propeller and sustained a serious injury. Witnesses reported observing the parachutist descending toward the airplane without altering her course. One witness reported he "tackled" the parachutist to the ground; however, the parachute became entangled in the airplane's propeller and subsequently dragged the parachutist into the propeller. The parachutist had completed an estimated 18 prior jumps, which included 4 jumps at the accident airport. Winds reported at the airport, about the time of the accident were calm.

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File No. 13424

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Time (Local): 16:00 EDT

Occurrence #1: PROPELLER/ROTOR CONTACT TO PERSON

Phase of Operation: STANDING - ENGINE(S) OPERATING

Findings

1. (C) PROPER TOUCHDOWN POINT - NOT OBTAINED - OTHER PERSON

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.

The parachutist's failure to obtain the proper touchdown point, which resulted in contact with the operating propeller of a parked airplane.